FRIVOLOUS POLLY.

BY VIRGINIA YEAMAN REMNITZ.

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PART I.

Elder Shaw had never, in his life time, been fond of playing the role of host; and it was surely an ironical jest of fate that his death should have been the occasion of a notable coming together of neighbors, and a disarranging of the rooms which were wont to bear the stern, unchangeable aspect of his own individuality. It seemed strange indeed that the furniture really could be moved; that these people should dare to come, uninvited of him, and, with rustle of Sunday skirts and careful lifting of Sunday coat tails, should settle themselves at ease in his house. But each glanced toward him, meantime, as though somewhat uncertain, despite his silence, and an imaginative observer might have read in those fixed features of his, a certain grim protest.

When Polly came into the front room several solemn faces relaxed and some one motioned her to a seat. Polly's answering smile was circumspect, and barely revealed the odd, little, crooked turn of her mouth. But her short curls bobbed to every motion, and a spark of light woke in her eyes, dying swiftly into depths of wistful blue.

In the back room beside the coffin, which contained, after all, the only household companion she had known for years, sat a young girl. Married brothers and sisters and other relatives were there also, but her awed, still look did not seem to comprehend them. The young minister, when he rose, glanced toward her before beginning the service. The minister's eyes were deep set and so gently penetrating that few met them, unexpectedly, without a start of consciousness. But, fortunately for his peace of mind, Ellen Shaw looked at him with the wide-eyed blankness of utter abstraction. He could not have forgiven himself if, on such an occasion as this, thoughts of her had surged up from the deep undercurrent of his mind to supedsede thoughts of the service he conducted.

There was a stir in the hall and a draught of raw spring air from without. All glanced toward the door and sudden looks of liveliest interest drove the mask of funeral gloom from every face. The minister looked up; his lids fluttered painfully, and there came a pause in the service. When he went on it was in an expressionless monotone; but no one noticed. From the man who had entered every eye had turned upon Ellen Shaw; not soon enough, however, to see that shocked awakenig. Already her dark lashes lay against a paling cheek, and the curious were baffled.

The new comer looked around the room with that assured self-possession which is, strangely enough, the stamp left upon men by the restless life of great cities. Those about him, though they lived in daily contact with the sweet calm and freedom of nature, seemed awkward and constrained by contrast.

Polly, all flushed and self-conscious, raised her eyes to drop them quickly before Mark Wendell's. But she had noted the change. He had never been, to her, like the other young men of Parkville, and now he did not belong to Parkville at all.

The native power of the man, the sense of physical and mental strength which his presence made felt, were oddly emphasized by his light coloring, and to Polly he seemed like some golden haired king among men; a visitant from another world—that great, outside world for which she longed with all the fervor of her little, frivolous heart.

From Polly, Mark looked toward Ellen. Then his head dropped and he folded his arms, falling into an attitude of motionless repose. But his mind ran riot. How fitting it would be if, at the close of this service, he should rise and bid the minister unite him in marriage with Ellen Shaw, over the very coffin of the man who had so ruthlessly kept them asunder. The reflection that the minister might not enjoy the performing of this ceremony, presented itself in a humorous, superficial way, and was gone. He was not a man who entered with keen appreciation into the feelings of other people.

Despite this boyish escapade of fancy, Mark Wendell was a man who could wait. It was not until sundown of the day after the funeral that he stood at the door of the Shaw house, asking for Ellen. An aunt of the orphaned girl, who had come to remain with her, showed him into the little parlor and went slowly on her errand. The room Mark entered evinced no consciousness of the disarrangement of yesterday; and surrounded thus by the old, familiar air of chill unchangeability, the young man almost fancied that Elder Shaw might appear at the door, as he had two years before, and bid him begone from the house.

But instead of the slow, portentious tread of the elder, Mark heard a far different step drawing near, and found himself rising and trying to look steadily toward the black-clad figure at the door. Without a word he put out his hand, and took into warm, firm keeping the cold little fingers Ellen extended, still clasping them in his as he led her to the old horse-hair sofa in the corner where, before Elder Shaw's edict, they had passed together many a magical hour. But scarce were they seated when Ellen, with [illegible] hold herself with a certain air of [illegible] removal from the man at her side, freed her hand resolutely, and folded it primly over the other in her lap. A tender, amused conception of her worldliness; of her provincial sense of propriety, stole over Mark, bringing a smile to his lips, and a glint of light to his quiet blue eyes. He spoke in a voice of playful reproach.

"After I have waited so long, Ellen!"

The girl pressed together the hands in her lap and her lips trembled.

"I have something to tell you, Mark."

Because of the sweet pang which pierced him at sound of his name on her lips again, the man missed the warning of her voice; even the meaning of the words she spoke. His pulses were leaping toward her, and he leaned closer, laying a straining hand on her clasped ones.

"Ellen, Ellen, forgive me, dear! I can think of nothing but that we are together again; together again at last. I know how you feel—it is natural—but men are different." He was bending over the girl; he could see how she quivered under his gaze, and her flushed cheek was close to his lips. But, with a sudden effort, Ellen freed herself and got to her feet, panting a little. The struggle with herself had been a sharp one.

"Oh, no! You don't understand—I have something to tell you."

Wendell leaned forward in silence, his eyes fixed on hers. An impossible thought was forcing itself upon him, and he would none of it. Ellen inconstant! Absurd! Why, he had known her ever since she was a tiny child—and besides, had he not seen her emotion as she sat beside him!

"Before father died, he—"

The man's face darkened, and the blue of his eyes took on the light of steel. He rose, speaking indistinctly.

"Not that—"

The girl interrupted him with a little gesture and breathless pleading.

"Don't, Mark. Please don't! He was dying. He wrote his wish on a piece of paper, and I promised to obey. I put it where he bade me, and I was to read it after the funeral. But I haven't looked at it yet—I know what it is. I know it forbids us; me—Oh, Mark! Why, I had to promise; he was dying. Don't, Mark. He was my father, and he is dead! Please; oh, please, Mark—"

The diabolical cruelty of it all had stung the man to black anger. How well the father knew his daughter; how clearly he foresaw the tearing of that tender heart in the grip of a remorseless conscience! And to make the prohibition palpable, material, by this writing and laying away! Curses against the dead man had risen to his lips, but the girl's broken words forced him to a choked silence.

Yet he would make her yield; he would frustrate that dead man's plan. He laughed a little, and Ellen looked at him with startled eyes.

"Come, Mark," she said, gently, "we will go together. I am afraid, alone."

As they passed an open door at the head of the steps, the maiden aunt looked out upon them with surprise. "Why, Ellen—" she began.

"It is something of father's I want to show Mr. Wendell," the girl answered, hastily, and hurried on to the end of the hall.

The room they entered was still darkened, and the air was chill. Ellen threw open the shutters, and went to the bureau, which stood opposite the foot of the bed.

"He told me to put it here, in a little box at the back." She stood with her face turned from Mark, her head drooping as, with trembling, awkward fingers, she fumbled at the handles of the upper drawer. A sudden impulse was upon her to turn and run away, and

THEY TOOK OUT ALL THE DRAWERS.

cling to the remnant of doubt which yet was hers. It would make no difference, no material difference, in her life. She would yield obedience to the commandment she felt sure was written there. Only to be spared the reading of the words, the actual sight of the paper which waited mutely to pronounce her doom, and to bear witness to the remorseless cruelty of her dead father! But duty, as she conceived it, had ever been Ellen Shaw's daily, unrelenting taskmaster, forcing her irresistibly to disregard the cravings and pleadings of her own inclination; so, through a necessity as stern and inevitable as that which holds to his seat on his coffin the condemned soldier who waits to be shot by his own comrades, the girl faced her ordeal, pulling and jerking doggedly at the handles. When the drawer yielded she started back in terror. Her heart beat in great suffocating bounds, and her limbs trembled under her; yet she bent to her task with a sort of painful eagerness, quickly finding the box she sought. But either in opening or in closing the drawer the cover had been pulled off and there seemed to be nothing within. She took the box up in trembling fingers. It was quite empty.

Mark Wendell leaned over her shoulder, breathing hard. The girl feared the silence. "It must be here somewhere," she murmured, searching with nervous haste among the small objects which littered the drawer. The man did not answer, nor did he aid in the quest, but stood like a spectator at a play, passive, though absorbed. But at last he said, very quietly, "It is not there."

"It must have slipped behind when the cover was pulled off. I remember coming here once or twice after—after I put the paper away. We must take out the drawers."

Mark helped her to do so, joining in the search with an air of quiet determination. They took out all the drawers, searching through each in succession; then they peered into the empty, dusty frame of the bureau. Mark even turned the frame on its face, examining the bottom and the floor space it had covered. But there was no paper to be seen. While he readjusted the drawers and put the bureau back in its corner, Ellen wandered about the room, making vague, perplexed search in each unlikely place—even shaking out with reverend hand the covers of her father's bed.

She stood, almost absently, smoothing out the last blanket and looking toward Mark in the silence of utter perplexity. He had been brushing the dust from

SHE TOOK A FALTERING STEP FORWARD.

his clothes, and as he raised his head their glances met. The girl caught her breath quickly. The quiet of his face was broken. His eyes burned.

"What can it mean!" she breathed, tremulously.

"That he relented, after all! That he was not so cruel as we thought him, dear!" The man was coming toward the girl and his arms went out to her.

Ellen started. The thought suggested scarcely had reached her understanding, but the look on the face of the man she loved, the appeal of his hungering, outstretched arms, went straight to her heart, melting it as by touch of fire. She took a faltering step forward, paused, put out a resisting hand; and then moved slowly backward.

"I cannot, Mark, I cannot. He didn't change. Oh, I am sure he did not. He wasn't alone one moment, after—"

"Ellen, Ellen, the paper is gone! You shall not put shadows between us! We are alive and love one another. I have waited long enough. Nothing shall keep you from me."

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Josiah M. Clokey, Administrator of the estate of Mary F. Gordanier, deceased, vs. Irving W. Gordanier, Louis E. Gordanier, Albert A. Gordanier, Kittie L. Gordanier and The People's Savings and Loan Association—Petition to sell real estate to pay debts.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the county court of Macon county, of the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term, A. D. 1898, of the said county court, I, Josiah M. Clokey, administrator of the estate of Mary F. Gordanier, deceased, will on

Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1898,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows to wit.

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JOSIAH M CLOKEY,
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Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	* 1:05 a m	18	* 3:55 a m
14	*11:45 a m	15	* 3:55 p m
16	† 9:20 a m	17	† 7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		**FROM ST. LOUIS.**	
8	* 4:05 a m	6	* 5:25 a m
11	* 7:00 a m	24	†11:25 a m
25	† 4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	* 4:00 p m	10	* 8:58 p m
1	*12:13 a m	2	*11:17 p m
7	* 7:20 p m	12	*12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		**FROM TOLEDO.**	
5	* 5:28 a m	1	*12:10 a m
4	*11:30 a m	7	* 7:17 p m
2	*11:20 p m	5	* 3:50 p m
10 Ft W Acc.	†1:30 p m	8	* 3:20 a m
84 Eff. Acc.	†4:40 p m	11 From Ft W	†12:50 p m
		85 Eff. Accom	†10:45 a m
TO QUINCY.		**FROM QUINCY.**	
5	* 4:07 p m	4	*11:25 a m
13	* 4:10 a m	12	*10:50 p m
17 Spfd only	† 7:40 p m	16 from Spfg.	† 9:45 a m
85	†10:55 a m	84 Eff'g Acm	† 4:35 p m
11 Bluff acm	† 7:05 a m	10 frm Bluffs	† 6:50 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

DEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE RY.

Arrive from Peoria		Arrive from Evansville	
A No. 1	10:35 a. m.	A No. 2	2:50 p. m
D No. 3	10:10 p. m.	A No. 4	6:25 a. m
A No. 11	2:30 p. m.	S No. 86	7:10 a. m
Depart for Peoria		**Depart for Evansville**	
A No. 2	3.00p. m.	A No. 1	10:45 a. m.
A No. 4	8:35 a. m.	D No. 3	10:20 p. m.
S No. 88	7:20 a. m.	A No 11	8:15 p. m.
A No. 10	10: 35a. m.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.	
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.			

Vandalia Line.

In effect Dec. 11, 1897.

DEPARTS EAST.

No. 84—Freight, ex. Sunday ..... 6:35 a m
No 12—Except Sunday ..... 7.40 a m
No. 6—Except Sunday ..... 3:35 p

FROM TERRE HAUTE.

No. 7—Except Sunday ..... 10 45 a m
No. 83—Freight, ex. Sunday ..... 5:00 p m
No. 21—Except Sunday ..... 7.05 p m

DEPARTS WEST.

No. 5—Ex. Sunday ..... 7:00 a m
No. 85—Freight ex. Sundny ..... 7:50 a m
No. 7—Ex. Sunday ..... 10:55 a m

FROM PEORIA.

No. 6—Ex. Sunday ..... 3:20 p m
No. 86—Freight ex. Sunday ..... 4:10 p m
No. 4—Ex. Sunday ..... 9:30 p m

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ARRIVE.		LEAVE.	
No. 1 Pass	*2:25 p m	No. 4 Pass	*10:55 p m
No. 3 Pass	*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass	*11:30 a m
" 7	10:00 a m	" 8	2:40 a m
" 9	*8:00 p m	" 10	4:00 p m

*Daily. †Except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

Corrected to November 28th, 1897.

No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman ..... * 1:32 a. m.
No. 126 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman ..... *11:52 a. m.
No. 704 to Chicago [illegible] Champaign ..* 6:10 a. m
No. 104 Main Line [illegible] ..... * 11:25 a. m.
No. 126 Main Line [illegible] ..... † 6:10 p. m.
No. 702 Champaign [illegible] Mixed leaves ..... † 2:45 p. m.
No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis via Pana ..... * 2:19 a. m.
No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis via Pana ..... * 3:27 p. m.
No 125 Main Line South to Pana ..... † 9 30 a. m.
No. 103 Main Line South to Cairo ..... * 4:0 p. m.
No. 191 Local Freight South ..... † 7:45 a. m.
No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign arrives ..... * 9:55 p. m.
No. 701 from Champaign Mixed Train arrives ..... † 10:30 a. m.

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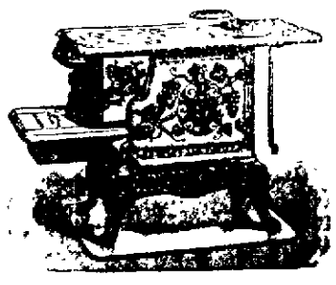

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Remedy (Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure) fails to give
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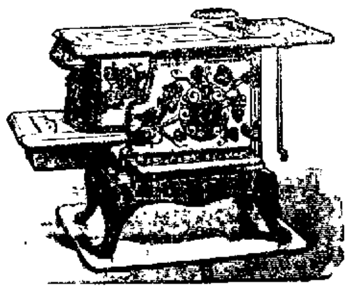

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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Rev. W. A. Cox is conducting the free Methodist revival.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure headaches. 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.

Just 30 years ago today, March 3, 1868, George M. Wood was elected city treasurer of Decatur. He says the mercury was at zero that day.

Quinoria is guaranteed to cure chills, fever and all malarial disorders. No cure, no pay.

The American heiress prefers an heir in a castle to a castle in the air.

For quick, easy work and dressy finish, use Electric Lustre Starch in the Blue Packages.—18-dimo

Call at the C. B. Prescott music house and look at those new Reed & Son's and Haines Bros. pianos. They are perfect in style and tone.

Before you buy your wall paper and room moulding call at W. C. Pluck's Wall Paper House, 109 East North street.—22-dimo

Work in the rank of knight tonight at the castle hall of Couer de Leon lodge, Knights of Pythias. All visiting brethren especially invited.

Electric Lustre Starch in Blue Packages.—18-dimo

A. A. Badger lost his $1000 damage suit against Mason City for injuries received in a fall on the sidewalk.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps, chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar. 1-d&wtf.

A. S. Cottell, from the vicinity of Macon, is in the county jail on a charge of betraying a young woman. The arrest was made by Constable Lloyd.

W. W. Ashald, a Wabash engineer, has taken possession of the property at 1078 North Edward street, vacated by W. S. Shirey, who has returned to his farm near Lovington.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for garden seeds. They are now in receipt of large invoices of fresh seeds from the most reliable houses in the country.—m1-d&w8w

Charles M. Fletcher of Mt Zion disposed of a carload of fine fat cattle in Chicago Wednesday, selling at $5.15 per hundred. The average weight of the two year olds was 1850 pounds.

Bromoline will cure a cold while you sleep. No cure, no pay. 25 cents.

We sincerely desire to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the sad bereavement in the loss of husband, son and brother.
Mrs. Mabel Skinner, Mrs. Henry Peck, Mrs. Harry Baldridge, Mrs. Frank Wood.

"I owe my whole life to Burdock Blood Bitters. Scrofulous sores covered my body. I seemed beyond cure. B. B. B. has made me a perfect woman." Mrs. Chas. Hutton, Berville, Mich. Sold by all druggists.

The following party of young people left Peoria last week for the Alaskan gold fields: H. W. Miller, Max Flick, George Seward, Frank Holmes, Ernest Zagelmeyer, W. R. Floyd, L. G. Hall, C. E. Bishop, H. W. Kirchoff, George Hittle of Mackinaw and J. H. Kiester of Morton.

Do you know Lent is with us to stay and you can fish for anything that swims at the aquarium of the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel. 344, old and new.—3-d3t

The Sugar Beet Meeting.

The farmers seem to be taking a good deal of interest in the beet sugar movement and those who are arranging the meeting to be hold tomorrow afternoon think that there will be a large attendance. They are anxious that all of the farmers attend the meeting and hear what the speakers have to say in regard to the matter. The industry will be thoroughly explained by Mr. Hopke and Prof. Holden and those who attend will profit by it.

Rank of Knight.

Couer de Leon Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., will have work in the amplified rank of knight this evening. Members of No 189 and visiting knights are welcome. Jacob Keck, C. C.; F. W. Wismer, K. of R. and S.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

HIGH SCHOOL BALL

The Juniors Will Entertain the Seniors.

RECEPTION AT THE ARMORY.

Two Hundred Guests Will Be Present Including the Students, Board of Education and Faculty.

This evening at the Guards' armory the members of the junior class of the High school will give a reception and ball to the seniors. The juniors annually entertain the senior class and this year the affair is to be larger and more elaborate than ever.

The guests will number about 200 and will include the students of both classes, the members of the faculty of the school and the board of education. The ball will begin at 9 o'clock. There will be dancing in the large armory and on the lower floors card are other game will be arranged for those who do not dance. The opera house orchestra will be present and will furnish music for a program of 18 dances. Frappe will be served throughout the evening

The officers of the junior class who with the committee have charge of the affair are as follows: President, Harold Ruehl; vice president, Lee Boland; secretary, Louise Bold; treasurer, Grace Beadles: marshal, Orville Billington. The reception committee will be composed of Sue Maris, Mabel Howenstine, Ethel Priest, Linn Waltz, Harold Young and Fred Grout. Charles Cassell will call for the dances and act as floor manager. Those who will be in charge of the frappe bowls will be Sue Maris, Jeanette Powers, Louise Bold, Louise Merritts, Julia Gassaway, Bessie Hawthorn, Bertha Troutman, Mabel Phillips and Maud Dillehunt. The other committees in charge are as follows:

Program—Frank Lindsay, May Sawyer and Louise Bold.

Refreshments—Nellie Ackerman, Glen Pilcher and Charles Ewing.

Amusement—Fred Grout, Bess Young and Mabel Knight.

There are about 135 students in the junior class this year and about 60 in the senior class. The senior class is unusually small this year. It was a small class when it started in the High school. Last year over 80 students graduated. For the entertainment tonight the students have made every preparation and expect to have a handsome affair.

SOLVED A MYSTERY.

Peculiar Conduct of a Dog Down on Colfax Street.

For some time a family living on South Colfax street have been much annoyed by the non-appearance of their daily paper. Occasionally they would find a copy on the door step, but this was an exception and they blamed and consulted the carrier and proprietor of the paper in turn without any success. One afternoon last week the lady of the house sat down to wait for the carrier. She was going to tell him that he might take her name off the subscription list and she would try another paper and another carrier. She was called away from the window, however, and returned just in time to see her paper, which had been left in the meantime, carried off by a small terrier dog that belonged to a family on the next street. She ran out and followed him around the corner, up the alley, through a side gate and to the porch of the house, where he dropped the paper, evidently satisfied with his part in contributing to the general knowledge of the household. She went in and explained to the family, who were as much surprised as she to find that the paper they were receiving was stolen by the dog instead of being left by a carrier. They were not subscribers, but supposed the paper was left on trial and had not suspected the literary taste of the dog. The dog is now obained at a certain hour each day and the subscriber is enjoying her evening paper regularly.

THE STAGE.

You Will See the "Boy Wanted" Tonight—"Superba."

A RETURN DATE.

"A Boy Wanted," Chas. E. Blaney's big extravanagza success, which has tested the capacity of every theatre in which it has been presented, and has met with the most emphatic endorsement from both press and public, will be presented at the opera house tonight. Although it has no definite plot it serves for the introduction of a number of novelties—all the new songs, dances and clever specialties and is said to be about as funny, clever and lively a combination as could be desired; there is not a dull moment for three hours. The three scenes are laid in the office of the "Evening Keg," a country newspaper; the Starview Hotel exterior, in the day and at night. The incidents of the piece are supposed to deal with the history of a theatrical company, and the fun reigns supreme and is fast and furious.

"SUPERBA."

Miss Nellie Daly, a niece of Dan Daly, the well known New York Casino comedian, is one of the "Superba" company this year and does some clever singing and dancing specialties, dialect and otherwise. She is said to inherit all the talent of the family and her work has been favorably commented on everywhere. Mr. Charles Guyer is also a recent engagement, who, in his wonderful tumbling specialty shows the humorous and also the agile side of his nature and is certainly unsurpassed in this line of work. He is one of the most humorous clowns the Hanlons ever had and is very artistic in his methods. At the Grand next Monday night, March 7.

PRAYERS AT HOME.

Seven Meetings to be Held on Friday Afternoon.

The tabernacle people will have seven home prayer meetings at 2:30 o'clock Friday, each lasting about 40 minutes, when the participants in the various gatherings will adjourn and go to the tabernacle for a general prayer service at 3:30. These special meetings will be held for the purpose of marshalling the forces for a great rally next Sunday, when the evangelist, Dr. Coombs, will preach six times. The home meetings will be held at the following places:

Mrs. O. Ewing, 750 West Main street, leader, W. W. Day.

Mrs. Elmira Bennington, 948 North Monroe, leader, P. W. Humphrey.

Mrs. Julia Finch, room 25, Syndicate block, leader J. V. Coombs.

Mrs. George P. Hart, 1048 North Main, leader Mrs. Olive Wormick.

Mrs. Martha Graves, 537 East avenue, leader Mrs. John Ullrich.

Mrs. J. H. Ricketts, 709 North Edward, leader Mrs. O. J. Moran.

Mrs. Cordelia Cameron, 1110 West Decatur, leader Mrs. John Fletcher.

Everybody will be welcome at these meetings and also at the general meeting immediately following. The revival is increasing in interest daily, and the prospects for a great ingathering of members is very bright. Already a score or more have been received, but Pastor Hall says this is hardly a beginning as compared with what another week will tabulate.

PROPERTY SOLD.

Disposed of at the Court House Door by the Master in Chancery.

Yesterday J. J. Finn, master-in-chancery, at the court house door, under decrees of foreclosure, sold property as follows, in each instance the property being bid in by the complainant:

John G. Cloyd trustee vs Millie Proctor, et al; foreclosure. The north half of lot 1 in block 5 in the original city of Decatur; $2288.54.

Savings Fund Building Association vs Emily J. Camron et al; foreclosure Lot 13 in J. K. Warren & Co.'s sixth addition to Decatur; $1055 50.

Savings Fund Building Association vs. Rosalie Rosen et al; forclosure. Lots 5 and 8 in block 2 in Montogmery & Shull's first addition to Decatur; $1750.

Meeting of Charity Board.

At the meeting of the charity board it was found that there were 30 cases that needed assistance and had been reported during the month and that they were of a character that could be supplied without money. Seventeen dollars were paid our during the month. Mrs. W C. Dimmock and Miss Watts were appointed to see Steward Burley and arrange for taking a number of old people to the poor farm. There are several destitute old people who are living in hovels at the outskirts of the city and they would be much more comfortable at the poor farm.

Charity Board Meeting.

The members of the charity board held a meeting yesterday and heard reports from all of the districts of the city. During the month 30 cases of needy families have come under the notice of the members of the board. Mrs. W. C. Dimmock and Miss May Mattes were appointed as a committee to confer with Steward Burley with a view of having several old persons taken to the poor farm.

Mrs. Aubert Surprised.

Mrs. W. S. Aubert of 451 Central avenue, was pleasantly surprised last evening. It was the 58th anniversary of her birthday and a large party of friends called at her home during her absence at Lovington and decorated the rooms with roses, spread the supper table and prepared everything for a pleasant evening. Mrs. Aubert returned home on the evening train and was completely surprised with the reception which awaited her.

The Corn Carnival.

The executive committee of the Farmers' Institute will meet at 1 o'clock saturday afternoon at the court house. At that time President Bean will appoint a committee consisting of one member from each township to confer with the ladies in regard to assisting them with the big corn carnival to be held next fall.

Don't Fail

To call at T. T. Springer's, North Water street, on Friday and Saturday of this week and sample the Heekin celebrated coffees. Fine flavors and uniformity are their virtues.—3-d3t

THE COAL OUTPUT

In Illinois It Was 20,072,758 Tons.

AVERAGE VALUE $14,472,529

Over 25,000 Men Employed—Sixty Nine Killed—Condition of Winter Wheat in the State.

The advance sheets of the forthcoming report of the bureau of labor statistics, which relates to the coal mining industry of the state, are out. The statistics show that coal is produced in 50 counties and that the number of mines and openings of all kinds is 85. There were 79 new mines or old ones reopened during the year, while 118 were closed as abandoned mines. The total output of all mines was 20,073,758 tons. Of the 858 mines, 310 are classed as shipping and 548 as local mines. The average value of lump coal at the mines is given at 85.2c per ton and the average value of other grades at 36.5c. The average home value of the total product is stated at $14,472,529. The average number of miners employed during the year was 25,498 and the total employes were 33,788. The average price paid for hand mining was 50 6c a ton. The number of kegs of blasting powder used was 39.133. The number of men accidentally killed was 69 and the number injured so as to lose a week or more of time was 518. The total output of shipping mines was 19,386,578 pounds.

Winter Wheat in Illinois.

The government advises as to the condition of winter wheat throughout the country are encouraging, showing that the crop is in good condition. For the state of Illinois there are conflicting reports, but prevailing opinions indicate that the small amount of wheat sown in the northern districts in good condition and well protected. The central district has a small acreage generally, with fair to poor condition along the north and throughout the eastern counties, but fair to good condition in central, southern and western counties. The southern district reports small plant, somewhat damaged by freezing and thawing, with best prospect in north and west counties. Seeding everywhere was late and the plant is small, but the winter has been generally favorable.

In Memoriam.

At a meeting of Washington Camp, No. 57, P. O S of A, held Tuesday evening, March 1, the following resolution were adopted:

"Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to visit our camp and remove from our midst our brother, Louis Goodman; and

"Whereas, The deceased has always proved himself a true patriot and a devoted son of America, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we recognize in his death a visitation of divine Providence, and humbly submit to the will of that Supreme Being who giveth and taketh away at his own good pleasure.

"Resolved, That our sincere and heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family in this hour of sore bereavement and we commend them to Him who alone can comfort the stricken and distressed.

"Resolved, That as a token of respect for our beloved brother we drape our charter for a period of 30 days, and the resolutions be inscribed on the minutes and inserted in a daily paper, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

Chas. Kemper,
Bert C Bobb,
R L Dixon,
Committee.

Leaks in the Mains.

Water Inspector Harry Ruthrauff has had several men at work on South Broadway repairing the 16-inch main in two places where it sprang a leak. For some reason or other the pipe broke and it was necessary to dig down and mend it. The water inspector was unable to discover the cause of the leaks.

Engineer Daigh is still waiting on the cross head for the Allis engine to complete his work at the water works plant. The piece of machinery is expected every day.

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WEATHER.

Chicago, March 3.—Illinois: Fair tonight and Friday; partly cloudy, with rain at the extreme southern portion; variable winds.

What the People Expect.

San Francisco Call: Among the measures the people have a right to expect of this session of congress is an act to promote the shipping interests of the country, and to give to American industry on the ocean the same protection that is given on land.

There is apparently no great difficulty in the way of providing the desired legislation. The Republican party is not divided on that issue as it is on the money question. A majority in the senate favors it as well as a majority in the house. It is even probable that several Democrats from the seacoast states would support it. Every prospect of the situation is therefore favorable for the enactment of a comprehensive measure of the kind, and there will be a widespread popular disappointment if the session closes without one.

In the aggregate the amount of tribute paid by the United States to foreign countries for ocean shipping is enormous. According to the estimates of experts on the subject we are at present paying at the rate of $300,000,000 a year for such transportation. As our exports increase the freight will increase, and a large proportion of the profits of our expanding industries will thus be carried to foreign lands despite the protection given to them by the tariff.

The issue is one on which the boards of trade and chambers of commerce throughout the country should act. Petitions should be sent to congress urging the enactment of such legislation at this session. American ships, manned by American sailors and flying the American flag, should carry American goods to the nations of the world. It is folly to pay to foreigners an enormous tribute when by developing our shipping industry as we have developed other industries we can save the money for the enrichment of our own people and the increase of the commercial prestige of our nation.

The nine planks for the next Democratic platform which Mr. Bryan has recently presented to the anxious public are—

1st. Opposition to gold monometallism.
2d. Free coinage at 16 to 1.
3d. Retention of the greenbacks.
4th, Opposition to national banks.
5th, Opposition to bond issues.
6th. Income tax.
7th. Abolition of trusts.
8th. Opposition to government by injunction.
9th. Arbitration of disputes between labor and capital.

An analysis of these propositions mean:

1st. Silver monometallism in the interest of the silver trust.

2d. The retention of the "endless chain" by which the treasury department may be quickly emptied of its gold and the payment of bonds in silver forced.

3d. The destruction of the national banking system and substitution of government paper which could only be redeemed in silver by reason of the disappearance of gold which would follow free coinage at 16 to 1.

4th. The readoption of the proposition already declared unconstitutional by the supreme court—the income tax.

5th. An attack upon that most sacred right of American citizens under the constitution, the right of injunction.

On the tariff, he is, like his free silver associates who have recently appealed to the public in favor of fusion, absolutely silent.

It seems that the men who have been fighting the Republican party during its entire existence upon the ground that its tariff policy was not a proper one are now conceding that it is, and has been from the first, right. Four frenzied appeals to the people as against the Republican party have been issued during the present month, that of ex-Candidate Bryan, followed by those of the three party leaders who are striving to unite the elements of national discord in his support, yet not one of them mentions as an argument against the Republicans this great subject which today shares in its estimation an equal honor with sound money. Since these men now admit by their silence that the Republican party ever since its existence has been right in its fight for this great principle of protection and that they have been wrong in their fight against it, is it not possible that the views of its leaders on the money question are entitled to some consideration as against those of the men who thus admit the unsoundness of their views on an equally important subject in the past?

Has the condition of the workingmen really gotten worse, as is constantly asserted by the professional fault-finders in political life? The United States commissioner of labor thinks not, and he bases this conclusion upon a very careful study of the subject ranging through a long term of years. The commissioner, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, in a recent article on the subject in the Forum, states that the number of unemployed people in the United States and in other parts of the world is now less than it was under the old system of production and hand labor, now displaced by machinery. He further shows that the average rate of wages now paid to labor is higher than under former conditions, while the introduction of machinery has greatly reduced the cost of the articles produced, thus giving a treble advantage to labor; First, in the number of people employed; second, in the wages paid, and, third, by a reduction in the prices of the articles manufactured and which they must purchase for their own use.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dispeptic; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores, 50 cents per bottle.

It a widow is in the habit of smoking cigarettes she has an excuse for giving up her weeds.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell, of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

If all thieves were compelled to wear prison garb stripes would always be the prevailing fashion.

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

If a man goes out between the acts he usually comes in with a smile—but you don't always see it.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A. W. Fruit of Kenney has invented an incubator which has proved a success, hatching 28 out of 32 eggs.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 3.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yes'day
Wheat—					
March.....	—	—	—	106⅛	106⅞
May.....	1 07	107	105⅝	106	106⅞
July.....	91⅛	91⅜	91	91⅛	91
Corn—					
March.....	—	—	—	29⅛	28⅞
May.....	30⅝	30¾	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
July.....	31⅝	31⅞	31⅜	31⅜	31⅛
Oats—					
March.....	—	—	—	26½	25¼
May.....	26⅛	27	26⅜	26⅝	26⅜
July.....	24⅛	24⅞	24⅛	24⅜	24⅜
Pork—					
May.....	10 60	10 70	10 60	10.67	10.45
Lard					
May.....	5.20	5 30	5.20	5 30	5.17½
Ribs.					
May.....	5 20	5 27½	5 20	5.27½	5.17½
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July wheat: Puts, 90½; Calls, 92⅜; Curb 91⅜

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.
Wheat—70, Estimated, 51; a year ago, 9
Corn—530; Estimated, 600, a year ago, 231.
Oats—190; Estimated, 175; a year ago, 245.

Estimates for To-Morrow.
Wheat, 55; Corn, 576; Oats, 260.

Hogs.
Hog receipts, 23,000. Estimated, 32,000.
Market strong.
Light, $3.90@$4.07; Mixed $3 95@$4.15, Heavy $4.05@$4.17; Rough, $3.90@$4.00.
Estimated for to-morrow, 24,000.

Cattle.
Cattle receipts, 9,000. Market steady.

No Room for Doubt.

Proof, yes overwhelming proof can be furnished of the excellent curative qualities of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. "I caught a cold which led to a cough and pain in the chest. (pneumonia?) I bought Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and after taking one bottle of it, the cough began to disappear; when I finished taking the second bottle I was cured. Gustav Thurmaster, 49 Hickory St., Cleveland, O." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs but 25 cents. Take only Bull's.

COALING SHIPS AT SEA.

It May Be Performed by a New and Successful Device.

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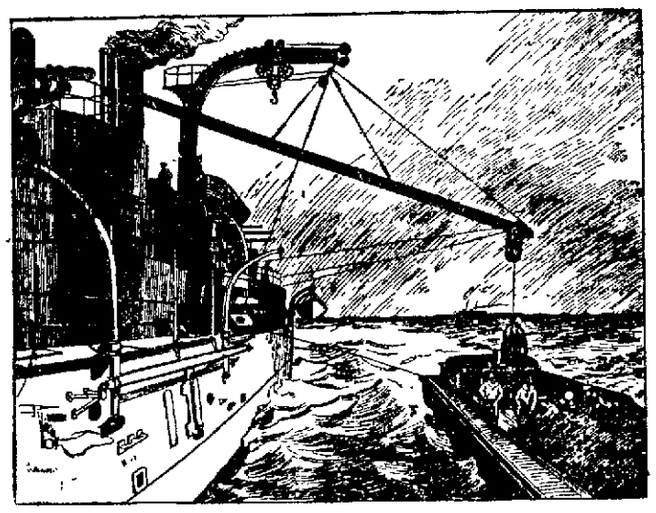
A new way of coaling war craft at sea has just been adopted by the United States government. The battleship Massachusetts has been equipped with the apparatus, and its first trial has proved a distinct success.

The fact has been pointed out on a great many occasions, not only on this side of the Atlantic, but also on the other, that most of our men-of-war are faulty in the matter of coal capacity, or of facilities for coaling. Among the early experiments looking towards improvements in coaling at sea are those made with the United States Steamship San Francisco and the United States Steamship Kearsage. These two vessels, while steaming, 200 feet apart, at a speed of four knots per hour,



transferred coal from one to the other. The appliance employed consisted of a cable stretched from a high point in the trailing boat to a lower point in the towing vessel. An elevator was employed to raise sacks of coal on the Kearsage, which was the trailing boat, and they were allowed to run by gravity on a light trolley along the suspended cable until they reached the San Francisco. The record made at that time showed a possibility of thus transferring 15 tons of coal per hour, although no such amount was ever actually delivered. One record published showed that the time of travel from the pole head of the Kearsage to the San Francisco was 14 seconds, and the full time of hoisting and sending over ten bags was about 21 minutes, giving a rate of delivery of only about 2 2-3 tons per hour. Of course there is no reason why two trolleys should not be working at the same time, which would double the rate. The fact, however, that this appliance was not adopted shows that there was something lacking in it, and it is probable that the low capacity of the machine was what caused it to be rejected.

A few years later experiments were made by the British admiralty on this question of coaling. They did not attempt to take coal from a trailing vessel, but from one alongside at a distance of from 20 to 30 feet. Of course it was necessary for such coaling operations to be carried on in comparatively smooth water. In the first experiment the appliance was fitted to the collier, and the coal transferred from the collier to the deck of the battleship. The device in question is known as the Temperley transporter, and consists of a suspended I beam, with a novel form of hoisting and conveying carriage, traveling along it. It is operated by a simple winch and forms a sort of crane, first lifting the coal from the hatches of the colliers vertically, then carrying it along an incline of about 15 degrees until the load reaches its destination. The carriage is a self-locking affair which travels on the lower flange of the beam and is capable of traveling its entire length. The beam is pitched at a sufficient angle to allow the carriage to run in one direction by means of gravity, and the single hoisting rope on the barrel of the winch serves to operate the carriage and hoist the load. The rope from the drum is led about a sheave-wheel to the point of suspension of the beam, from there to a pully at the higher end of the beam, passing around a sheave at that point, through the carriage and down to the load; at this end is fastened a hook to which the bags of coal are attached.

In operation, supposing the carriage is at the lower end of the beam, where it is locked automatically to one of the stops on the under side of the beam, the locking gear of the carriage will be in the position shown in Fig. 1. After the hoist rope is drawn in by the winch, the load rises at the full speed of the rope until it strikes the carriage, when a fastening of the rope is automatically hooked to the carriage; at the same instant the carriage is detached from the beam stop. The carriage, with the load firmly locked, then travels up the incline beam. At every five feet a stop is located, at any one of which, by playing out the hoist rope, the carriage may be stopped and locked. The load is at the same instant released and falls vertically to the deck of the boat. Simply paying out and hauling in the line under the direction of the signal man is all that is required to operate the machine successfully.

If the boat happens to be rolling, altering the incline to 30 degrees, the machine works just as well. Vessels coaling in the harbor, or while on duty in a blockade, could have coal boats towed to them from which the coal could be rapidly transferred. Forty tons per hour has actually been handled in this machine, and with two or three of them working at the same time the capacity would be multiplied in proportion.

QUEER FREAK OF A CAMERA.

It Fails to Record the Fourth Leg of a Horse.

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The accompanying illustration of a horse and pig, reproduced from a photograph, is an example of one of the most remarkable tricks of the camera yet recorded. As a rule, the eccentricity of a camera is susceptible of explanation, but in this instance neither the photographers of England nor the United States seem to be able to explain the cause of so curious a picture.

There was plenty of sunlight, the photographer's back was to the sun, and there was nothing to disturb the camera during the photographic process.

Mr. Neeves declares that the horse did not move a sixteenth of an inch, for he watched him every second. In answer to a letter of inquiry regarding the strange freak, Mr. Neeves says: "I cannot explain this seeming mystery, although I have tried to get some light thrown on the subject by expert photographers. I am a photographer myself, and am free to say it is too much for me. The loss of the leg cannot have been the fault of the plate, because all the details of the wheel are given.

The horse pictured belongs to George E. Neeves, of Cromer Lodge, Birdhurst road, South Corydon, England, and the picture was taken at what is called the New Quay, Cornwall. So far as human eye could observe, the horse had four legs—but, lo! when the picture was developed the fourth leg had completely disappeared.

The camera was an ordinary one, and the circumstances were such as would justify the belief that a perfect and complete picture would be taken.

"It is equally true that the missing leg could not have disappeared because of some movement on the part of the animal, for no matter how slight that movement might have been it would have caused the whole to blur. There were no cross rays, neither was there anything the matter with the apparatus.

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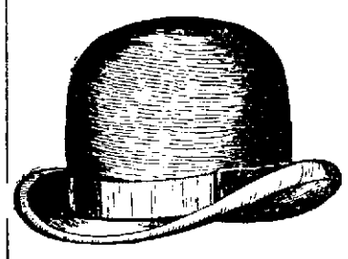

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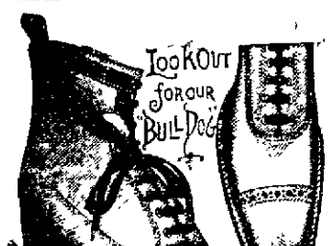

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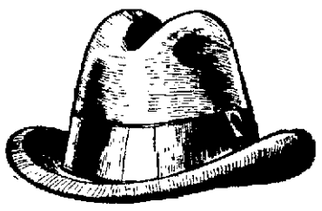

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His Health Completely Wrecked by Heroic Efforts in Saving Life.

In the chief's quarters of the Fourteenth battalion up in Wakefield there sits to-day a man, still young in years, who in his maimed body but unbroken spirit bears such testimony to the quality of New York's fire-fighters as the brave Bresnan and his comrade did in their death. Thomas J. Ahearn led his company as captain to a fire in the Consolidated gas works on the east side. He found one of the buildings ablaze. Far towards the rear, at the end of a narrow lane, around which the fire swirled and arched itself, white and wicked, lay the body of a man—dead, said the panic-stricken crowd. His sufferings had been brief. A worse fate threatened all unless the fire was quickly put out. There were underground reservoirs of naphtha—the ground was honeycombed with them—that might explode at any moment with the fire raging overhead. The peril was instant and great. Capt. Ahearn looked at the body, and saw it stir. The watch-chain upon the man's vest rose and fell as if he were breathing.

"He is not dead," he said. "I am going to get that man out." And he crept down the lane of fire, unmindful of the hidden dangers, seeing only the man who was perishing. The flames scorched him; they blocked his way; but he came through alive, and brought out his man, so badly hurt, however, that he died in the hospital that day. The board of fire commissioners gave Ahearn the medal for bravery, and made him chief. Within a year he all but lost his life in a gallant attempt to save the life of a child that was supposed to be penned in a burning Rivington street tenement. Chief Ahearn's quarters were near by, and he was first on the ground. A desperate man confronted him in the hallway. "My child! my child!" he cried, and wrung his hands. "Save him! He is in there." He pointed to the back room. It was black with smoke. In the front room the fire was raging. Crawling on hands and feet, the chief made his way into the room the man had pointed out. He grouped under the bed, and in it, but found no child there. Satisfied that it had escaped, he started to return. The smoke had grown so thick that breathing was no longer possible, even at the floor. The chief drew his coat over his head, and made a dash for the hall door. He reached it only to find that the spring-lock had snapped shut. The door-knob burned his hand. The fire burst through from the front room, and seared his face. With a last effort, he kicked the lower panel out of the door, and put his head through. And then he knew no more.

His men found him lying so when they came looking for him. The coat was burned off his back, and of his hat only the wire rim remained. He lay ten months in the hospital, and came out deaf and wrecked physically. At the age of 45 the board retired him to the quiet of the country district, with this formal resolution, that did the board more credit than it could do him. It is the only one of its kind upon the department books:

"Resolved, That in assigning Battalion Chief Thomas J. Ahearn to command the Fourteenth battalion, in the newly annexed district, the board deems it proper to express the sense of obligation felt by the board and all good citizens for the brilliant and meritorious services of Chief Ahearn in the discharge of duty which will always serve as an example and an inspiration to our uniformed force, and to express the hope that his future years of service at a less arduous post may be as comfortable and pleasant as his former years have been brilliant and honorable.—Jacob Riis, in Century.

Given Up by Four Doctors.

Beaver Dam, O., Aug. 27, 1895.

My daughter, after being treated by four doctors, and being given up for lost, a neighbor recommended Foley's Kidney Cure. To-day she is able to walk several miles without fatigue. I feel we would have lost her if it was not for your medicine. Respectfully,

MRS. J. M. BAILEY.

—H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Before marriage a woman is pensive, but after marriage she is ex-pensive.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Notwithstanding the hard times, seal skins are worn the year round—by the seals.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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ADMIRAL BEARDSLEE.

Placed on the Retired List on Account of Age Limit.

Rear Admiral Lester A. Beardslee, who was placed upon the retired list recently according to the law of the age limit, was the first of the eight rear admirals who will go into retirement this year. Commodore C. S. Norton was made rear admiral.

Admiral Beardslee is now 62 years old and one of the most interesting characters of Uncle Sam's sea-fighting department. When he was on his own ship and when his ship was in action he was a good disciplinarian, and was rather rough with the enemy. He was on the

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(Just Placed on the Retired List of the Navy.)

Wachusett when she captured the rebel boat Florida, and he was the lieutenant commander who brought the prize to Hampton Roads. When the Wachusett came alongside the Florida Beardslee called out to one of the seamen on the rebel:

"Tell your captain to surrender without any fuss, or we'll send your d—d craft down among the sharks. Understand?"

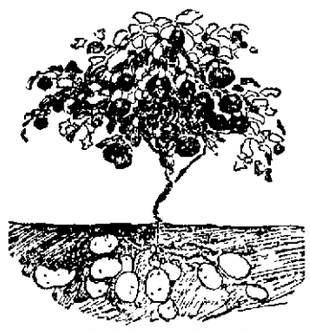
Beardslee was in the attack of the ironclad fleet on Charleston defenses. He served for a time on the frigate Merrimac, and after the war was put in command of the Aroostook. Since 1869 he has filled many important posts. His last work upon the water was the command of the Pacific station, from which post he was transferred to Washington as president of the naval examining and relieving boards. The admiral was born in Little Falls, N. Y., and has been in the navy since 1850, when he was made acting midshipsman. He was made a rear admiral in March, 1895.

SCIENCE OF GRAFTING.

It Enabled Farmers to Raise Two Crops on One Vine.

It has been discovered that tomatoes and potatoes may be grown from the same stem with very satisfactory results. A series of careful experiments has recently been completed near Troyes, France, which shows that by simply grafting tomatoes to an ordinary potato plant the fruit grown will be larger and finer than if grown by the ordinary method. A picture of one of the new potato-tomato plants is presented herewith.

The new plant, strange as it may appear, is not in any sense a freak. It is a result that is obtained by accident, and cannot, therefore, be reproduced at will. The theory of this grafting is, on the other hand, perfectly simple and natural. The potato and the tomato belong to the same general botanic family of plants. This general division which the botanists have made is called the "solanacoe" or, more commonly, the "night shades." Among the other members of this family are the tobacco,



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(The Latest Triumph of the Science of Grafting.)

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The discovery promises to be of the greatest importance in the limited garden space of Europe. In America, where land is not so thickly populated, there is little object in such economy, but in the truck gardens of the low countries and in France it will doubtless prove to be an extremely important economical discovery. The farmers of these sections may now raise crops both of tomatoes and potatoes on the same land at the same time.

Squirrels Invade a House.

On several occasions recently the family of Isaac Batz, living at Round Top Valley, Berks county, Pa., observed rather queer looking flying objects entering through a broken window in the attic of their home. For a long time the garret of the house had been used only for storage purposes, and had not been entered by anyone in a number of months. Mr. Batz entered the garret and was astonished to find the place in possession of a small army of flying squirrels. The animals became greatly disturbed by the intrusion, and were driven from the place, killed or captured alive. The prisoners numbered 33. The finding of such a large number of flying squirrels under the circumstances is considered most extraordinary here.

New York's Baby Receipts.

There are 90,000 babies born in the city of New York every year. They number 250 a day, or one each six minutes. Take them out together for an airing, and the row of baby carriages would extend up the Hudson to Albany, 150 miles.

PERSONAL.

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—Fred Hammond of Milmine is in Decatur today.

—J. D. Wilson of Prairie Hall is in the city.

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—James W. Ham has returned from a stay of six months in New York.

—Linn Radcliff is confined to his room by illness.

—Baldwin Starr, who has been quite ill of tonsilitis, was some better today.

—Mrs. M. F. Metz left today for Bloomington, where she will visit friends.

—D. B. Sculley of Illiopolis is in the city on business.

—Gay Ryder of Monticello is the guest of his sister Mrs. F. W. Caldwell.

—Mrs. Mae Weeks of Pana is in the city visiting friends.

—Al Diehl left this morning for Battle Creek, Mich., for the benefit of his health.

—Attorney Perry Moore of Tuscola transacted business in Decatur yesterday.

—Mrs. J. M. Bridges of West William street will entertain to-morrow.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George Baker of 1228 St. Louis avenue, March 3, a son.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wasser of Gutten were guets of friends in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. J. D. Wheeler, who has been visiting friends at Litchfield, will be home this evening.

—Miss Lillian Wise of Penn township is visiting with the family of her uncle, H. B. Wise.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willard, 811 North College street this morning, March 3, a daughter.

—The three year old son of Nicholas Kuny of East Clay street is recovering from a serious illness.

—Mrs. D. Sipe, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Traver, returned to her home at Atwood today.

—David Bellamy and wife left yesterday for Nebraska, where they will spend the summer.

—Mrs. J. C. Hone and Mrs. T. S. Childs returned this afternoon from a visit with friends at Argenta.

—Miss Genevieve G. Knap was called to Chicago yesterday by the serious illness of her brother, Dr. Knap.

—Miss Minnie C. Pratt has taken a position as stenographer in the office of Attorney W. E. Redmond.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bean have returned to their home at Farmer City, after a visit with Mrs. Bean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pritchett.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Augustine will return tomorrow from their wedding trip which included a visit with friends and relatives at Peoria and Pekin.

—Rev. A. W. Hawkins returned this afternoon from Mt. Zion, where he attended the meeting of the Decatur Presbytery this week.

—Mrs. E. E. Fair is the guest of Decatur friends en route to her home at Danville from St. Louis, where she has been making an extended visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jack and Mr. and Mrs. William Jack of Peoria attended the funeral of W. T. Wells this afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Anthony have departed for a three weeks' eastern trip, which will include New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

—Miss Mattie Randall returned yesterday from a stay of ten days in Chicago, in the interest of the millinery department at H. C. Anthony's store.

—Mr. and Mrs H. W. Hostetler of Lovington are the guests of Mrs. Hostetler's sister, Miss Sarah Dawson of Hatch Bros.

—George E. Gill, business manager for the "A Boy Wanted" company, at the Grand tonight, paid the Republican a pleasant call today.

—Comrade James Walton has returned from Quincy, where he received treatment in the hospital at the Soldiers' Home. He says he feels like a new man.

—Mrs. Mary Fenton and daughter, Clara, of Mt. Pulaski, will arrive tomorrow for a visit with Mrs. N. Dyer and daughter, Miss Cora, of North Church street.

—Mrs. A. E. Eccles, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Anthony, returned Monday to her home in Chicago accompanied by her grandson, Carl Anthony, who will visit with her during the absence of his parents in the east.

—Ed L. Martin is in the city on a business trip. Ed is now located in Chicago, where he is connected with the firm of J. S Patterson & Co., 84 Adams street, manufacturers of the Peerless Portland Cement.

If a man saves a cent each day he will not need to risk the loss of a friend at the end of the year by trying to borrow a dollar.

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If we didn't try to uphold our blunders we would have fewer troubles.

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You'll please excuse us if we seem too enthusiastic about these dainty materials, but it really seems that the manufacturers have reached the top notch of Wash Goods beauty and goodness. The prettiest patterns that we've ever seen are now coming in—almost every day brings new arrivals—and we'd tell you about four "specials" for tomorrow's selling.

Printed Bedford Cords—all the new colorings—worth at least 12½c a yard—are offered as a typical bargain at—

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Wabash Dining Car Service.

Commencing Monday, February 28, the Wabash have arranged for the following dining car service. Train No. 6, leaving Decatur 5:28 a. m., serving breakfast to Lafayette; train No. 5, leaving Lafayette 12:30 p. m., serving dinner to Danville Junction; train No. 4, leaving Danville Junction 1:50 p. m., serving dinner to Lafayette; train No. 7, leaving Lafayette 8:52 p. m., serving supper to Decatur.—26-d1w

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The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division Sundays at very low rates—good going and and returning Sunday only.

St. Louis and return. Tickets sold every Saturday afternoon and Sunday. One fare round trip.

Homeseekers' Excursions to principal points in the South, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; good returning every Tuesday or Friday for 21 days. One fare, plus $2 00, for the round trip.

One way Settlers' tickets to the South sold on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.

California tourists tickets, good returning nine months, with liberal stop over privileges in each direction, on sale daily

Winter tourists tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale.

Call at the City Ticket Office for literature of the routes, rates, etc., of the Klondike Gold Fields.

Account Spring meetings of Merchants' Associations, at one and one third fare, on certificate plan St. Louis, sell Feb. 20 to 27; March 6 to 13, April 3 to 10 Chicago, sell Feb. 23 to March 4; March 30 to April 6. Milwaukee, sell Feb. 23 to March 2.

For full information regarding dates of sale limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A Pollock passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

I., D. & W. Railway Excursions.

Excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following points:

Home seekers' excursions to principal points in the south, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Good returning every Tuesday or Friday for twenty-one days. One fare plus $2 for round trip.

One way settlers' tickets sold to the South on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.

Winter tourist tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale

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OUR NEIGHBORS.

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On account of the rain and bad roads the graphaphone entertainment to have been given at the Berry schoolhouse was postponed indefinitely.

James Moses Glodden, who was supposed to have disappeared mysteriously a few weeks ago has reappeared just as mysteriously. Perhaps he has visited Klondike in his travels. Who knows?

Farmers are preparing for their spring work and those who are obliged to move long for the mud to dry up.

Last Saturday evening a party of young men and boys, armed with guns, bells and horns, their faces grim with determination, marched south from the village of Sangamon. Their destination was not Cuba, but the residence of Louis Myers, near North Fork. Their purpose was to chivari George Wheeler and Hayden Veach and they accomplished it in good old fashioned style. The boys bought peace at 50 cents each. On their return the crowd serenaded Mr. Perry and he also surrendered to escape their music?

HARRISTOWN.

Tuesday was central here, Harry Van Guilder ranked first in the eighth year and Naomi Gonga and Albert Cooper ranked first in the tenth year.

Charles Knight is moving close to Decatur.

J. H. Park was in Niantic Tuesday.

Miss Etta Cooper is very sick Dr. Newkirk of Warrensburg is attending her.

Business is dull for the grain buyers here.

A number of young people had a party at the home of Frank Hooker Tuesday night.

A sociable was given at the home of Alonzo Eyman Tuesday night.

Lila Tolbert has gone to Chicago to spend a year with her sister, Mrs. Thayer.

E. C. Mace of Decatur visited relatives here Sunday.

MT. ZION.

There was a suit in Justice Dicky's court Tuesday Dennis Dinger, the plaintiff, and W. W. Conard, the defendant. Justice Dicky gave his decision in favor of the latter, the attorneys Sam Peck for Dinger, O'Mara for Conard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Sanders of Blue Mound visited relatives here last week.

Otas Walker returned home from Quincy Saturday, where he has been attending business college.

Dr. S. R. May and family were in Decatur Saturday.

Prof. Slater and wife visited over Sunday in Decatur.

Mrs. Nona Draper and son, Carl, of Decatur, visited relatives here over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harbert are visiting at Cerro Gordo this week.

Weadon Smith visited home folks over Sunday.

Claton Travis and Flint Bilby spent Sunday with their best girls in Decatur.

Mr. Foster and family moved to Assumption this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rinings were called to Lovington Monday to attend the funeral of their son-in-law.

BETHANY.

George M. Hammil and Miss Rosa Thomas were married at the home of the bride Wednesday evening, February 23, Rev. Blunk officiating. It can be said without flattery that the bride possesses the several qualities of worth and beauty which goes with the makings of a true lady. Mr. Hammil is of the honest industrious type which commands the confidence of his fellow men. The world is bettered by such unions.

The news reached town Monday that Wesley Twist, a young farmer living four miles northeast of town, had committed sicide. Young Twist had a wife and one child and being in prosperous circumstances no cause can be assigned for this terrible deed. Who can fathom the mental anguish that goads man to this last resort.

M. L. Vaughn and family of Missouri arrived Saturday night. They will start for Utah in the near future, whither they will journey for Mrs. Vaughn's health.

The C. P. choir assisted by outside talent will give an entertainment at the church next Sunday night. This choir, under the leadership of L. T. Butt is on a par with Moultrie's best.

A. L. Marlow is erecting a neat residence in the south part of town.

J. W. Hale has moved his stock of groceries from the Levy to the Pyatts block. The "New Enterprise" will support a bakery in conjunction.

Lew Marlow, a former day architect and builder of Bethany, is renewing his acquaintance here this week.

The Echo has been moved to the building of her namesake. In the New Brick our trainer will have a chance to expend, think nice thoughts and live a life for future rewards.

John Bresnau has struck a 27-inch vein of coal at a depth of 116 feet on his farm, seven miles south of town. Mr. Bresnau will put a force of men at work without delay and hopes to be hoisting coal by the first of May.

John Hale will manage the culinary department of the "New Enterprise" bakery and restaurant. John learned his trade in the state of Georgia and is a star baker.

R. E. Mead has opened up a new tin shop. You will find Mead at your service in Sall's Brick.

B F. Peadro, candidate for county superintendent of schools, was on our streets Wednesday and Thursday.

Ab Ethridge of Decatur was in our city the latter part of last week. Ab bought and freighted out our winter's accumulation of old iron and junk.

Work on the new brick business block will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. The building will be a two story and basement. A. R. Scott, Kivet Stare and S. Armstrong are the promoters of this enterprise.

"Dixie" McGuire left Friday to join his family at Thayer, Mo. "Dixie" has a job with the K. C., Ft. Scott and Memphis railroad.

Harry Hogg has sold his bakery and restaurant. He will hold a position with the new firm, however, in the capacity of clerk and baker.

The Merrowbone township grand jurors selected for the coming term of court are J. L. Bone, Albert Shelton and John Hoke; while A. H. Morgan, Charles Knight and John Mathias will deal out justice in the capacity of petit jurors.

BEARSDALE.

Although the roads are bad farmers are hauling in their grain. They have sold so as to be ready for farming when the weather settles.

William Lasater has hired to Samuel Seitz for the year and with his family removed to the Seitz home today. George Longenecker has moved on the Dempsey farm, Charles Pharis on his father's farm and William Slayback on the Powers' farm, vacated by Pharis.

Mrs. Samuel Troutman and son Frank, spent Sunday evening with friends here.

Mrs. H. N. Lehew visited her mother in Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lulu Pharis is on the sick list.

F. S. Hunsley's pupils expected him to bring a new scholar to school last Monday morning.

Earle Braden, who is attending school at Normal, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Braden, for a few days, returning Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Naylor is visiting relatives at Warrensburg.

NIANTIC.

A. Seelig has been very sick for more than a week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs George Smith, on Tuesday, March 1, a son.

Rev. Pierce was unable to be present at church Tuesday night. His pulpit was filled by Rev. Reynolds.

Mrs. Ida Mallory of Decatur, who spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Hill, returned home Monday.

George Kapp of Findlay spent last week here disposing of his property.

Died, at her home, one and one-half miles west of Niantic, on February 23, Sarah Ann Hobson. Her maiden name was Boyd. She was born in Kentucky in 1820, was married in 1839 to George Hobson, in Morgan county, Ill., came to Macon county in 1858. For many years she lived a faithful member of the Christian church at Long Point, where her funeral services were conducted on Friday by Elder Ennefer and the interment took place at Long Point cemetery. Mrs. Hobson left five children. They are John, William and Silas of Niantic, Thomas of Mason City, Ill., and Jane Strider of Deepwater, Mo. She lost five children by death. She leaves 4 grand children and 11 great grand children. She had lived a widow 27 years.

The Willard memorial services were largely attended at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon. The W. C. T. U. attended in a body and Mrs. Waller Pritchell, president, read a beautiful tribute to Miss Willard. She was followed by Elder Ennefer and Rev. Prince, who delivered excellent addresses. Mrs. L. O. Hawks' tribute was read by Miss Ida Kapp, one of the best readers in Niantic. The congregation sang "Rock of Ages," "Gently, Lord, Oh Gently Lead Us" and "How Firm a Foundation." Rev. Price then sang a beautiful solo.

MAROA

Mrs. C. C. Parke and two children and Miss Minnie Brown of Clinton, returned home Sunday, after a visit with Miss Laura Mayall.

J. M. Persinger and wife returned from New Orleans on Saturday.

Mrs. David Hoff returned to her home in Decatur Monday, after a few days' visit to Maroa friends.

Revival meetings closed at the Christian church on Thursday evening, with 23 additions.

Lee Cline of Decatur, was the guest of William Rainey and wife Sunday.

Miss Stella Bean and Homer Woodward spent Sunday with Decatur relatives

George Butler, who has been clerking at Sigler & Miller's, severed his connection Saturday and on Tuesday moved to the Disbrow farm.

A surprise was given Joe Moore on Monday. The affair was gotten up by his wife, in honor of his 28th birthday. An elaborate dinner was served. There were about 50 guests.

Misses Daisy and Etta Potter entertained friends at a taffy pulling Tuesday evening. The guests included Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Weyl, Dr. and Mrs. D. S Anderson, Elder Lloyd Newcomer and wife Misses Agnes Compton and Drusilla Moyer, Dr. G W Edmonson, Burge Newcomer, Will Biddle and Roy Moyer.

Mrs. Horace Kepler will give a mask social at her home on Thursday evening. The company will include Mrs. Kepler's Sunday school class and Misses Lillie Compton and Bess Liebtenberger's classes.

Born, to C. W. Gardner and wife, February 26, daughter.

Mrs. F. L. L. Bogle, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Luca Kennedy in Chicago, returned home Saturday.

Miss Mollie Schultz returned Saturday form Chicago, where she has been for several days selecting spring millinery Miss Sadie Davis of Princeton will arrive in a few weeks to trim for Miss Schultz.

Mrs. George Ritter was taken to her home in Springfield on Sunday. She was accompanied by her husband and mother

William Turner and family left Wednesday for their new home in Minnesota.

Lee Obanion of Hart county, Ky., is the guest of Charles Obanion and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. McLean went to Chicago Tuesday.

Cal Braden moved to his property in the south part of town Tuesday.

Linden Bowden and wife occupied the McGuire property Tuesday.

T. N. Leavitt has traded his planing mill at Clinton for property in Chenoa.

Dr. W. T. McLean, Jacob Ewing and wife, Mrs. A. D. Wysong and Mrs. Charles Aydelott returned Saturday from Havana, where they were witnesses in the Cook trial.

MACON.

George Newsham of Decatur was on our streets Monday.

H. R. Woodcock and wife spent Sunday in Moweaqua, the guests of her parents, J. F. Middleton and wife.

Mrs. Wm Herbert spent a few days last week in Decatur, the guest of relatives and friends.

Arthur Walker of Assumption was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. F. Van Gundy Saturday.

Miss Mame Chamberlain spent Saturday in Moweaqua.

Mrs. Minda Ruby of Decatur was the guest of Mrs. J. P. Swartz Saturday.

Mrs. George Hight spent a few days last week in Decatur, the guest of Charles Failing and family.

Miss Mary Walker of Walker spent Sunday with Miss Carrie Alexander.

George Beatty was the guest of friends in this city a few days last week.

Miss Lula Zollars of Niantic spent Sunday with her parents.

Miss Blanche Cazalet has the measles.

William Gabriel is suffering with rheumatism.

Miss Fannie Cole of Blue Mound spent a few days the first of the week with John Combs and wife.

Louis Cazalet made a business trip to Champaign this week.

George Oxford made a business trip to Huntsville, Ala., the first of the week.

Earl Brooks has the measles.

A great many people are moving this week. B. Bromley from the farm to town, having purchased the house owned by Hiram Kitch. William Kitch will move into the Washburn property in the northeast part of town. Otto Teitze and children have moved back to the farm, Charles Wood and wife moved to town, occupying the house with Mr. Richardson and wife.

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by the use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery, is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores.

The Rock Island shops will be removed from Peoria as rumored.

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overcomes us when inferior preparations are recommended by unscrupulous dealers as "just as good as Foley's Honey and Tar Cough Syrup," when we know the unequaled merits of this great cough medicine. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Eugene Tuttle has returned to Peoria after being missing since January 3. It was thought he had broken through the ice and drowned

"A dose in time saves lives." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup; nature's remedy for coughs, colds, pulmonary diseases of every sort. Sold by all druggists.

Deer Creek is agitating the organization of a sharp-shooter and military drill club.

Quinoria positively cures chills and fever when other remedies fail. No cure, no pay.

Nelson Johnson of Prairie View has 17,000 bushels of corn and oats, which he is holding for 80 cents per bushel.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. H. W. Bell N. L. Krone.

John Shepherd of Kenney severed a leader and two veins in his wrist by an accident while sawing wood at Tunbridge last week.

Senorets cure chronic constipation kidney and liver complaint. Price, 25c

The Peoria Sons of Veterans have organized a military company and are ready to furnish 75 men to fight Spain on 24 hours notice.

Hives are a terrible torment to the little folks, and to some older ones. easily cured. Doan's Ointment never fails. Instant relief, permanent cure. At any drug store, 50 cents.

Philip Spitzbarth has just paid off a $3700 mortgage of 15 years' standing on his 210 acres of land in Broadwell township, Logan county, having inherited $8000 by the death of his father in Portland, Ore.

Bromoline will positively cure a cold in 24 hours. No cure, no pay. 25 cents.

Newton Hilly, aged 22 years, died of consumption in Peoria, his mother refusing the offer of food and medicine by missionaries because money would not be given. An investigation showed that starvation and exposure had hastened death.

To Consumptives.

As an honest remedy Foley's Honey and Tar does not hold out false hopes in advanced stages, but truthfully claims to give comfort and relief to the very worst cases, and in the early stages to effect a cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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To Marion Gullet and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 23d day of June, A. D. 1896, W. H. Smith purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county, to-wit. Lot five (5), Block four (4), Long's addition to Maroa, for the taxes for the year 1895, including special taxes and special assessments and interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of Marion Gullet, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23d day of June, 1898.

MARY P. MURPHEY, Assignee.

To Wm. Beall and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described; You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 23d day of June, A D 1896, W H. Smith purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county, to-wit Lot ten (10), Block nine (9), Village of Warrensburg, for the taxes for the year 1895, including special taxes and special assessments and interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of Wm Beall, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23d day of June, 1898 MARY P. MURPHEY, Assignee.

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JOHN L. MURPHEY, Assignee.

To W. E Carter and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described. You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the count collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June A D. 1896, W. H. Smith purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county, to-wit; Lot eleven (11), J K Warren & Co.'s Eighth (8th) Addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes for the year 1895, including special taxes and special assessments and interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of W. E Carter, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1898.

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Estate of Joseph K. Love, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of Joseph K Love late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April, 1898, next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned
Dated this 15th day of February, 1898
ELIZA J LOVE, Executrix.
Feb 16-d3w

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Nancy J. Fisher, Deceased.

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Dated this 17th day of February, 1898.
JESSE FISHER, Executor.
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Legal Advs.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss In the Circuit Court.

George V. Loring, Complainant vs Emily J. Smith, et al, Defendants, In Chancery. No. 16603.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January term of said court A D 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, March 15, 1898,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p m, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold being described as follows, to-wit Lots four (4) and five (5) in the subdivision of lot thirteen (13) in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section ten (10) in township sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the 3d principal meridian, as recorded in Book 149 at Page 147 of the Plat Records of Macon county, Illinois, and more fully described as follows Beginning 224 feet west and 150 feet south of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 10, township 16 north, range 2 east of the 3d p m thence running west 177 feet, to the east line of North Main street, thence north 80 feet, thence east 177 feet thence south 80 feet to place of beginning in Macon county, Illinois
Dated at Decatur Illinois, this 21st day of February A D 1898
JAMES J. FINN Master in Chancery.
E S McDonald, Complainant s Solicitor.
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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss In the Circuit Court.

John Fuller, Conservator, etc, Complainant, vs Randolph J. Simpson et. al, Defendants —In Chancery, No 16 499

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1898, I, James J Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Friday, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1898,

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Lots twenty two (22), twenty three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty five (25) in block one (1) of H A Wood s Second Addition to the city of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 10th day of February, A. D 1898
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery
Alexander McIntosh Complainant's Solicitor.

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Charles C LeForgee, Trustee, Complainant, vs. G Edward Schulz et al, Defendants —In Chancery, No 16,649

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Thursday, the 17th day of March, A. D. 1898,

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Dated at Decatur, Ill, this 23d day of February, A. D. 1898
JAMES J FINN, Master in Chancery.
Le Forgee & Lee, Complainant's Solicitors

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss In the Circuit Court

Benjamin A. Allison, Complainant, vs James Lyons et al, Defendants—In Chancery, No. 16 578

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A D 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Monday, March 21, 1898,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p m at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold being described as follows, to-wit Lot seven (7) in Block two (2), of Harpstrite & Shlaudeman's Addition to the City of Decatur, situate in Macon county, Illinois
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 26th day of February, A. D 1898
JAMES J FINN, Master in Chancery,
LeForgee & Lee. Com. Sol [feb 26-dtd

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS.

One way settlers' rates to points south and southeast. Tickets on sale the 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
Winter tourist rates to points south are now on Final limit of June 1st, 1898.
For information or tickets write or call on W L Smith, Union Depot, or T. Peniwell, 121 E. William street, Decatur, Ill.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss. In the Circuit Court.

James F. Thomas, Complainant, vs. Benedict M Brookshier et al, Defendants—In Chancery No 16535

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said Court, A. D. 1898, I, James J Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, March 12, 1898,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p m, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit Lot seven (7) of Mattie E Blaine's Subdivision of Lots seven (7) and eight (8), in Block three (3), of Lake & Co's Addition of Outlots to the City of Decatur, situated in Macon county Illinois
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 18th day of February, A. D. 1898
JAMES J FINN, Master in Chancery
Bunn & Park, Complainant s Solicitors.
Feb 18-d3w

Executrix' Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of an order and decree of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, made on the petition of the undersigned executrix of the estate of James F Kazar, deceased, for leave to sell the real estate of said deceased at the February term A D 1898 of said court, to-wit the 15th day of February, 1898, I will on

The 26th Day of March, A. D 1898,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, sell at public sale at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur in said Macon county, the real estate described as follows, to-wit Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, in Block 1, in Bellevue Place, in said Macon county, also an undivided one half interest in Lot 1 and 2 feet off the east side of Lot 2 of Brown & Gehrman s Subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 10 in Allen, McReynolds & Co's Addition to the said City of Decatur, subject to incumbrances, for cash in hand on day of sale
METELLA E GOUKER
Formerly Metella Kazar, Executrix
of the Estate of James F Kazar, deceased
Decatur, Ill., Feb. 22 1898. [23-d4w

SEALED BIDS.

Public notice is hereby given that the contract for the purchase of the supply of water pipe, fittings and specials, to be used by the City of Decatur, Illinois, during the year 1898 will be let to the lowest responsible bidder and that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of said city from the date hereof until four o'clock p m of Monday, the 7th day of March, A D 1898
The size of pipe required will be four six, eight, ten, twelve and sixteen inch, and such specials and fittings as may be required
Said pipes fittings and specials to be delivered on board cars in said city
Bids must separately state the price per ton for the different sized pipe and also state the price per ton for the whole amount required Said bids must separately state the price for said fittings and specials.
A bond or certified check in the sum of two hundred dollars must accompany each bid
All bids which conform to the above requirements will be submitted to the City Council and said council reserves the right to reject any and all bids
Dated this 25th day of February A D 1898
25-d10d JNO A REEVE City Clerk

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles L Griswold, Deceased

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles L Griswold, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 29th day of January, 1898
CHARLES L GRISWOLD, JR.,
29 d3w Administrator

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county Illinois, in favor of James Murphey and against Mrs Mary McNalley, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit Lot three (3), Block four (4), of B H. Cassell s Second Addition to the City of Decatur located in Macon county State of Illinois. Taken as the property of Mrs Mary McNalley, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 16th day of March, A D 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution
This 24th day of February, A. D 1898
J P NICHOLSON,
feb 24-dtd Sheriff Macon County Illinois.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of John A Dawson, assignee of the estate of Lewis B Casner, and against Clara E Walker nee Eyman, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit Lot four (4) Block three (3) of Kaufman s addition to the City of Decatur Macon county, Illinois, taken as property of the said Clara E Walker nee Eyman, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state on the 13th day of March A. D 1898, at 10 o'clock a m of said day for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution
This 21st day of February, A. D. 1898.
J. P NICHOLSON,
Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.
feb 21-d3w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan H Abel, Debtor

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Susan H Abel, doing business under the name of Abel Carpet Wall Paper Co of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did, on the 12th day of January, 1898, transfer to the undersigned as assignee all her property, real and personal, for the benefit of her creditors according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.
All persons having claims against the said Susan H Abel are hereby notified to present such claims under oath or affirmation to me at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date
Dated this 21st day of January, A D 1898
Jan. 21 d6w J. W RACE, Assignee.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of C M Lytle, Decatur, Ill, until twelve o clock noon of April first, 1898 for the following work
A For the erection and completion (except the steam heating and plumbing) of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home to be erected at Mattoon Ill., for the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows
B, For the steam heating of said building
C, For the plumbing work in said building
D For the foundation work of said building
E. For the enclosing of said building
F. For the finishing of said building
All tenders must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of three (3) per cent of the bid for work under heading 'A' and five (5) per cent of the bid for work under headings 'B' 'C' 'D' 'E' and 'F'
Said checks are to insure the execution of the contract and bond by whomever the contract may be awarded to and are to be made payable to C M Lytle, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said Home.
The successful bidder will be required to provide satisfactory bond in the sum of ten times the amount of the certified check to insure the full and faithful performance of the contract within the time specified
Plans can also be seen at the offices of C F Mansfield, Monticello, Ill W R Jewell, Danville Ill, J. H Raible, Alton, Ill, H A Stone Vandalia, Ill Grand Secretary J R Miller Springfield, Ill Office of James H Harris 1521 Monadnock Building, Chicago, Ill., also at the office of E. J. Hodgson, the Architect, Mattoon, Ill
The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids
All bidders will be supplied with blank forms of proposals which must be filed properly else they will not be considered
The architect will forward a set of drawings to any one upon receipt of a deposit of ten dollars. Seven dollars to be returned when plans are returned.
Feb 22 d1w C M LYTLE, Secretary

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

B. I. STERRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OFFICE—Over Bryan' Clothing Store Decatur

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
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222 North Main, over Maienthal's
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Telephones { Office, 277 Res, 216 | Residence 1446 N Edward St

HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
Constable and Collector,
147 South Water St.
Telephone—Old 325, New 78, Residence, Old 80
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ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.
CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill

GEO. P. HARDY,
Justice of the Peace,
147 South Water Street.
Apr 23-dtf

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J. W. RACE, Assignee.
feb 5 d&w30d

REDEMPTION NOTICES.

To R. J Ross and the owners and parties interested in the lands and lots hereinafter described You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1896, I, J H Durfee, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county, to-wit Lot five (5), in Block two (2), of P. H Brueck's 2d Addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes for the year 1895, including interest penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of R J Ross, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1898 J H DURFEE

To J B Kitchen and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county and state on the 25th day of June, A D 1896, I J H Durfee, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county, to wit Lot two (2), in block two (2), of Smith & Co s addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes for the year 1895 including, interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as as aforesaid in the name of J B Kitchen, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1898
J. H. DURFEE.

To Adam Krehr and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments made in pursuance of law by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door the court house, in the city of Decatur in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A D 1896, I, J. H. Durfee, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county, to-wit Lot nineteen (19), in block one (1) of P H Brueck's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes for the year 1895 including special taxes and special assessments for paving of West Decatur street and interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of Adam Krehr, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 27th day of June, 1898
J. H DURFEE

To Geo P Blume and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described You are hereby notified, that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments made in pursuance of law by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur in said county and state, on the 24th day of June A. D 1896, I, J H Durfee, purchased the following described real estate situate in said Macon county to-wit Lot twelve (12), in block six (6), in Riverside Place an addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes for the year 1895 including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of Geo P Blume and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 24th day of June, 1898. J. H DURFEE

To Lola G. Barnes and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A D 1896 I, J. H. Durfee, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county, to-wit Lot four (4) in block two (2) of B H Cassell's 2d addition to the city of Decatur for the taxes for the year 1895 including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of Lola G. Barnes, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June 1898
J. H. DURFEE

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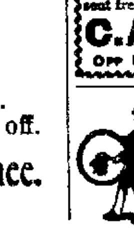

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Smoke the Litle J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Reddick & Kuesink.—15-dtf

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Dunlap & Co.'s Spring Styles for 1898 now on sale at Bohon, McReynolds & Co. Feb 25-dtf

It works easily and quickly. Needs no cooking, will not stick to the iron. Electric Lustre Starch in Blue Packages—18-d1mo

Go to Spencer & Lohman's, corner of Wood and Main streets, for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons, road wagons, roadcarts, spring wagons, farm wagons.—m1-d&wtf

Strawberries—Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel., old and new, 344.—3-d3t

The first meeting of Prof. Pitzlin's class in athletics last night was an entire success and now all the members are enthusiastic over the benefits of the exercise afforded. Exercises every evening from 5 to 6 and from 7 to 9.

Senorets purify the blood and beautify the complexion—Cure constipation. 25 cents,

Tonight is the regular meeting of the Modern American Fraternal Union at the G. A. R. hall.

The W. H. M. S. of the First M. E. church will meet with Mrs. A. Litsenberger, 959 North Main street, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

A household necessity—Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Heals, burns, cuts, wounds of any sort; cures sore throat, croup, catarrh, asthma; never fails. Sold by all druggists.

Another Bundy time recorder clock has been received by Postmaster Calhoun, to take the place of the first one put up. The old one is not entirely satisfactory and the company promptly forwarded a new one. The expert adjuster will arrive in a few days to make the exchange.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9-dtf

Sold His Farm.

Harry W. Fish this week sold his farm of 340 acres situated near Shell City, Mo., to a party living at Shell City.

Cigars.

Try our new Supreme Judge 5 cent cigars, the best in the market.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

Have You Had the Grip?

If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidental to the disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

T. T. Springer.

Invites you to call at his store on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5 and sample a cupful of Hoskin's celebrated coffees. They are excellent.—3-d2t

Protracted Meetings Closed.

The protracted meetings at the United Brethren church closed last night. These meetings have been in progress for the past five weeks and much credit is due Rev. Spayd and his assistants for the success of their labors. Eighty new members were added to the church.

Graph, Phone and Scope.

The Ladies' Aid society of Grace Methodist church will give an entertainment in the church Thursday night consisting of an animatograph gramophone stereoscope performance. Klondike and World's Fair pictures will be included, with Will L. Smith as operator. Admission 10 cents.—1-d3t

Blacksmith Shop Burned.

The blacksmith shop belonging to Richard Best on Mason street was burned this morning, the loss amounting to about $100. The feed yard and a dwelling house adjoining the blacksmith shop were on fire but the fire department arrived in time to put out the flames before any serious damage was done. The fire started about 6:30 o'clock and there is no clue to its origin.

Will Elect Officers.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church at the church tomorrow afternoon the annual election of officers will be held.

MANY PEOPLE CANNOT DRINK

coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Held Over Remains of the Late W. T. Wells.

REV. PENHALLEGON'S SERMON

There Was a Large Attendance—Hardware Stores of the City were Closed—Burial at Greenwood Cemetery.

The funeral of the late William T. Wells was held at the residence on North Main street at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating. There was a very large attendance of business men and citizens. There were many floral offerings which were arranged about the casket. The hardware stores of the city and the public library were closed this afternoon out of respect to Mr. Wells.

The music at the funeral was rendered by a quartet composed of C. W. Montgomery, D. L. Bunn, Bert Gher and R. W. Chilson. The selections given were: "Wilt Thou Not Visit Me," "Vital Sparks of Heavenly Flame," and "Oh, Glorious City."

THE ADDRESS.

Rev. Penhallegon delivered the funeral address speaking in part as follows:

"When the last chapter is written and the book is finished the author may rest from his labors, but the lines that came from his pen go out as his message on their silent, potential errand. When life's day is over, the light put out, the curtain drawn, the end is reached, the work is done, we have fallen into saying, but this is an over statement of the fact. The truth is told us by the stately writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews, 'Being dead yet speaketh.'

"There are some lives which society forgets easily enough. They do so little for the world while they are in it that their going away makes no jar and their departure causes no regret—the ranks are closed up and they are barely missed. But there are other lives which move along the highways of business, the sons of self-sacrifice, who you may always find in the paths of duty, who like John Howard, lived for others and like the Master go about doing good, that their departure is naturally regarded as a public loss and their death regretted. Such men while they live are starting lines of influence which can never die and putting in motion powers for good which will go on forever. Their hands and hearts are full of great hopes and good deeds while here, and their memories linger as a rich heritage and a constant reminder after they have gone. A life of the latter class, strong in its aspirations toward high and noble ideas and admirable in its consecration to chosen duty, has just gone out from us. We could easily drop into a reminiscent mood and speak of the noble deeds, the kindly acts, the tangible manifestations of genuine manliness and pure religion which were constantly showing themselves all through his life. We might speak of his deep religious nature, to his fondness for Christian truth, his loyalty, his religious convictions and his zeal in christian work, but to do this at length, to deal in eulogy would be in direct violation to what he regarded as the canons of good taste. Gentleness and modesty were prominent traits of his character as natural as perfume to the rose. Ostentatious display was as foreign as discord to music. I shall not do violence to what I know his wishes would be were it possible for those mute lips to break the silence. We are here to bury our friend, not to praise him. His life speaks for itself, his record made in this city, where he spent two-thirds of his days in active business, is infinitely better than any spoken eulogy. The poet has told us, 'A man's own deeds are his best monument.' On the tomb of Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's cathedral, these words are chiseled: 'If you would see his monument look around.' The monument of Mr. Wells may be seen in this city by simply looking around. His progressive ideas, which were so characteristic of him in business, he applied to everything he touched. Every cause that promised good had his support, every worthy institution found in him a friend. Beginning his career here 40 years ago with nothing but a pair of hands and a true heart he has by his energy and integrity forged ahead amid obstacles and discouragements till he has reached a topmost place. Perhaps Decatur never had an active, fully occupied business man, one whose time was so valuable, who did more for his church and for the cause of Christ in general than he. The Sunday school of which he was for 25 years the efficient superintendent, was never allowed to suffer because he was pressed hard by other duties. Whatever official position was thrust upon him he regarded as a sacred trust, and its duties were always discharged faithfully and well.

"It may not be out of place for me to say here that the Presbyterian church may well be regarded as Mr. Wells' monument. To his constant faithfulness more than that of any other man the city is indebted for that splendid edifice. During the two years it was in the course of erection he gave himself to watchful care and efficient superintendency and since its dedication he has with rare tact and consummate zeal closed up all the financial obligations. To say that he will be missed is but to utter a commonplace, self-evident truth. The loss is so great it would almost seem excusable to give way to our feelings and cherish our sorrows, but this is the very last thing he would want us to do. We must close up the ranks, take up the work where he left it and push on doing with our might 'What our hands find to do.' He honored our city while he lived. We can best do honor to his memory if we follow his example as he followed the Master and 'Go about doing good.'"

The employes of the Morehouse and Wells Company store attended the funeral in a body, eight of the younger men acting as the pallbearers. They were P. A. Hoffman, Wilbur Humphries, Albert Bowers, Roy Wilson, S. P. Morehouse, William Russell, Charles Foster and B. P. Bartlett. The interment was at Greenwood cemetery.

W. T. Wells was born at Coshocton, Ohio, May 31, 1834. He was a descendant of Governor Thomas Wells of Connecticut, one of the early colonial governors, and one of the oldest New England families. His parents settled in Ohio in the early days. Mr. Wells started out to earn his own livelihood early in life. Before he was 20 years old he made a trip to Mississippi in charge of a flatboat loaded with stoneware. For a while he worked for the late Charles Matheny at Springfield, Ill., in the capacity of grocery clerk. In 1856 he came from Springfield to Decatur, where he secured a position as bookkeeper for the late Franklin Priest, who at that time was running a saw mill and a grist mill. Three years later he formed a partnership with George E. Morehouse in the hardware business.

Mr. Wells was a pioneer in the manufacture of typewriting machines. He was a member of the Caligraph Writing Machine company of New York from the time of its organization until his death.

Funeral of Julius Shultz.

The funeral of the late Julius Shultz, who died in Chicago, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from St. Patrick's Catholic church. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Brady and the burial was at the Catholic cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Swick.

Mrs. Rachel Swick, mother of G. W. Swick, died last night at 7:30 o'clock at her home, 304 South Water street, aged 80 years. Her death was caused by general debility. She was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1818, and had lived in Decatur since 1887. She was the mother of four children, three of whom are now dead. She was a member of the First Methodist church and was quite well known.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the residence. The services will be conducted by Rev. Frost Craft and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

IN FAVOR OF THE CITY

Was Judge Hammer's Decision in the Curbing Cases in County Court.

In the county court today Judge Hammer gave his decision in the matter of the objections brought by the property owners in the curbing case. He overruled all of the objections excepting those where the question of benefit arises and these will be tried by jury, a privilege which is given the property owners by the statutes. The decision was in favor of the city.

Dance Tonight.

This evening the members of the Turner society will give a calico ball at their hall. It is to be a large affair and there will likely be a big attendance.

Arrested for Fighting.

This afternoon Officer Keoppe arrested two men named Lippie and Parker. They were drunk and were fighting in the east part of the city. They were put in the city prison.

Hobos Arrested.

Wabash Officer McClure and Officer Peter Dempsey this afternoon arrested six hobos who were loafing in some cars in the Wabash yards. The men were brought to the county jail and this afternoon were taken before Justice Brown for a hearing.

Republican Township Convention.

The Republicans of Friends Creek township will meet in convention Saturday, March 19, at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the township offices. E. H. Thomas, Chairman; F. R. Querry, Secretary.—2-d&w

The Last Call.

The tax collector's office must close March 10. If you have not paid your personal taxes you should call at once and pay them. Office second floor court house. Open evenings.—2-d1d

—Mrs. J. W. Graham went to Mattoon this morning to attend a large reception given there this afternoon by Mesdames Bowyer and Shulock. Mrs. Graham will visit for several days before returning.

If you ask a debtor when he's going to settle he'll probably go without saying.

Nelson Johnson of Prairie View has 17,000 bushels of corn and oats, which he is holding for 30 cents per bushel.

'ROUND THE WORLD

Arrival of Boy Reporter Traveler in Decatur.

BRIGHT, CHIC AND AMBITIOUS

Harry Marrisson is His Name—Famous in America and Europe—He Called on Kings and Queens and Paid His Own Way.

Harry Steele Marrisson, the renowned boy reporter and traveler, was in Decatur today making arrangements to deliver a lecture at the opera house. He is his own advance agent and has arranged with Manager Given to appear at the opera house on the evening of March 15. Mr. Marrisson is only 16 years old but has managed to crowd more interesting experiences into those 16 years than many who live the full period of three score years and ten dream of. He is an Illinois product, having been born at Mattoon, where his mother now lives. She is at present ill, and Harry came home to look after her comfort. He began by running away from home and going to Chicago, where he secured employment as an office boy at $3 a week. After living there for one year he decided to make a tour of Europe. He started from Chicago with $25 and an unlimited amount of determination. He worked his way to Washington, interviewed the president, went from there to New York and took passage on a cattle ship to London, paying his passage by washing dishes. He arrived in London the week of the queen's jubilee and at once set out to make the acquaintance of royalty. He succeeded in interviewing the queen, Gladstone and many other members of royalty and celebrated people.

He gives his experience in an interesting manner. He said:

"I worked my way from Chicago to New York, and from New York to London. My passage across the Atlantic was earned by dish-washing in the pantry of a cattle vessel. In London I worked for my room and board; saw the diamond jubilee and the queen. I interviewed Mr. Gladstone, and the leading men in politics and the world of art and letters. I was received everywhere with the utmost kindness, even by the lord mayor in the Mansion House.

"When I left London for Belgium I had $45, and with that I spent five months in Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France. I walked from place to place and saw everything of interest in these interesting countries. I am confident that I was able to see more than most travelers, and in a different way, for everything is new to me. I had wonderful experiences, was lost in the Alps a whole day, came near being kidnapped in Paris, and imprisoned in Germany.

"I was fortunate in securing interviews. Before returning I numbered among my friends the king of Belgium, emperor of Germany, president of Switzerland and the head of the French republic. They all appreciated my energy and congratulated me upon my pluck and perseverance. The lord mayor of London, Mr Gladstone, and our own President McKinley were no less kind, and when I returned I was glad that I had taken the trip. The whole thing cost me about $80. But, look here, I can't tell you one-tenth about it. You must come to my lecture."

While in Europe Mr. Marrisson wrote several letters to the New York World, which were bright and gave a description of his trip and impression of the sights he was seeing in a original manner. They were published and attracted quite a great deal of attention because of their novelty. He is now correspondent for the World. He has delivered several lectures in the east and is now making a tour of the western states.

Will Try Farming Again

Dr. J. W. Mitchell and family will move back to their fruit farm, one and one-half miles north of the city next week, and will remain on the farm during the summer and possibly longer.

Every time a man is found dead in a bathroom some people think they have an additional reason for boycotting water.

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No Important News from Washington---Just Scraps.

More Rain at Havana and Divers Doing Little Work—Proctor Cannot Get Away—Court Remains at Key West for Orders.

Washington, March 4.—Today's cabinet meeting occupied about three hours. At the conclusion it was announced nothing of importance had occurred. No information of any character, it was stated, had been received either from Consul General Lee or the court of inquiry. Nor had any intimation reached the government as to the character of the information so far obtained by the court

Waiting for Orders.

Key West, Fla., March 4.—The Maine court of inquiry is still here, awaiting orders from Washington.

Nothing New at Havana.

Havana, March 4.—Warmer and rainy weather prevailed today. As far as can be observed the divers are working slowly but steadily during such hours as possible in the turbid water. The Spanish divers have been down but little. Any reports sent as coming from them are likely to be incorrect.

Madrid cables deny the reports that a flotilla of Spanish torpedo boats and torpedo destroyers are to come to Cuba.

May Never Get Away.

Havana, March 4.—Senator Proctor and Colonel Parker went to Artemisa, Pinar del Rio, this morning. The senator is not likely to leave Havana tomorrow as he cannot get health clearances in time.

SPAIN BUYING CRUISERS.

Five Battleships Added to the Navy—France Supplying the Cash.

London, March 4.—Spain has purchased two cruisers which the Armstrongs are building for Brazil. They are of 4000 tons each, 23 knots, ten guns. Spain will probably secure two similar cruisers now building in France. Spain is negotiating for large quantities of ammunition in England and on the continent for immediate use. London diplomats believe that French financiers are helping Spain, as the latter is understood to be paying cash for most of the stuff, giving good security for the rest. Spain is negotiating with the Armstrongs for three more ships, but has not yet concluded the bargain.

Spain's Plans.

Madrid, March 4.—El Globo and other papers say that Spain is silently preparing for war. Spain will attack New York, according to one of the newspapers, should vessels of the American Pacific squadron go to the Phillipine islands. In reply to an article in El Nacional, which frankly declared that war with the United States would prove destructive to Spain, El Imparcial replies that "we may yet organize what resources we have and give great uneasiness to those Yankee traders who dream of turning their yardsticks into swords."

Spain is Weak.

Rome, March 4.—General Cosenz, chief of general staff of Italy, gave me his opinion of the chances of victory in a war between Spain and the United States. Cosenz considers that in the probable war of Spain with the United States the latter would have all the chances of victory.